A BOOKE NAMED TECTONICON,

Briefly ſhewing the exact meaſuring, and ſpeedie reckoning all manner of Land, Squares, Timber, Stone, Steeples, *Pillers, Globes, &c. Further, declaring the perfect making and large vſe* of the Carpenters Ruler, containing a Quadrant Geometricall: comprehending alſo the rare vſe of the Squire. And in the end a little *Treatiſe adioyning, opening the compoſition and appliancie of an Inſtrument*, called the profitable Staffe. With other things *pleaſant and neceſſary, moſt conducible for* Surueyers, Landmeaters, Ioyners, Carpenters and Maſons.

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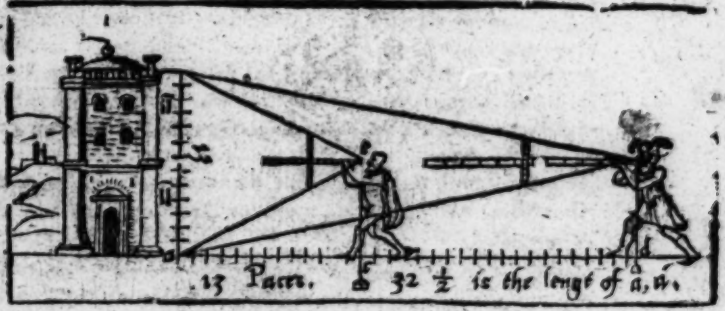

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L. D. To the Reader.

ALthough (gentle Reader) many excellent in Geometry, vpon infallible grounds, haue put forth diuers moſt certaine and ſufficient Rules, touching the meaſuring of all manner Superficies: yet in that the Art of numbring hath been required, yea chiefly thoſe Rules hid, and as it were locked vp in ſtrange Tongues, they doe profit (or haue furthered) very little the moſt part: Certes nothing at all, the Land-meater, Carpenter, Maſon, wanting the aforeſaid. For their ſakes I am here prouoked not to hide, but to open, and ſo encreaſe the Talent which I haue receiued: yea, to publiſh in this our Tongue very ſhortly (if God giue life) a volumne containing the flowers of the Sciences Mathematicall, largely applied to our outward practiſe, profitably pleaſant to all manner men in this Realme. In the meane time I ſhall deſire the Artificers aboue named, to bee contented with this little Booke (a taſte of my good will towards them) which I wiſh euen ſo to further the Readers, as I know it ſufficient for the true meaſuring and ready account of all manner Land, Timber, Stone, Boord, Glaſſe, Panement, &c.

Here mine aduice ſhall be to theſe Artificers that will profit in this, or any of my bookes now publiſhed, or that hereafter ſhall be, firſt confuſely to read them thorow, then with more iudgement. Reade at the third reading, wittily to practiſe: So few things ſhalbee vnknowne. Note, oft diligent reading, ioyned with ingenious practice, cauſeth profitable labour.

Thus moſt heartily farewell (louing Reader) to whom I wiſh my ſelfe preſent, to further thy deſire and practice in theſe.

THE PLEASANT PROFIT OR content of this little Booke, and in what it *exceedeth all other published.*

OTher Bookes tofore put forth in our Engliſh tongue, contained onely the bare meaſuring of Land, Timber, and Boord: how agreeable in all places to the rules of Geometrie, let the learned iudge. Here (gentle Reader) thou ſhalt plainely perceiue through diligent reading, how to meaſure truely, and very ſpeedily all manner of Land, Timber, Stone, Steeples, Pilers, Globes, Boord, Glaſſe, Pauement, &c. without any trouble: not painted with many rules, or obſcure termes, nor yet with the multitude of Tables, as heretofore hath bin: in which not a few errors were committed: for that cauſe no iuſt account might any way be had. Further, ye ſhall by this Booke vnderſtand the whole making and comely handling of the Carpenters Ruler, with the true meaſure, &c. And his vſe appointed to the ready meaſuring of all kinde of Timber, Stone, Boord, &c. Alſo the leuelling of grounds, and taking of heights, is pleaſantly and diuerſly practiſed by the Ruler. Yee haue heere not the common, but the rare vſe of the Square, applied to heights, lengths, &c. And to the finding of the iuſt houre of the day diuers wayes, through the aide of pleaſant Tables newly adioyned to my generall Prognoſtication: by the which the proportion of things, direct or ſquire-wiſe ſtanding, are by their ſhadowes knowne.

To conclude, in the end of this Booke is added a Treatiſe, ſhewing the making, and vſe of an Inſtrument, by which yee ſhall get lengths, heights, breadths, wideneſſes, where or howſoeuer they ſtand. Other neceſſary things are contained in this little volume, which I commit to the diligent Reader.

DIVERS THINGS
CONDVCIBLE TO THE ARTE OF MEASVRING.

The first Chapter.

AS there are few craftsmen which haue all the kindes of Arithmetike readily: so I doe suppose none so ignorant, but that they doe or may easily perceiue the simple significations of these characters or figures, 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10. And also their strength in the first, second, and third roomes placed. Character numerall.

Besides that, they must be familiar with these and such like fractions.

$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{7}$ $\frac{1}{10}$ $\frac{3}{32}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{7}$ $\frac{9}{10}$. The first leftward betokeneth one second part of an whole, bee it Pearch, Inch, or any other measure: the next, one third, then one seuenth part: the other ensuing one fifteenth. So one thirtie and two parts of an Inch. Then follow three fourths: foure fifths. The last is nine tenths of an Inch: that is, nine parts of an Inch, diuided into ten portions. Fractions.

These I doe intend to put in my Examples, and in my Tables and margines following, to represent parts of Pearches or Inches. As if I would write halfe an Inch, after

this manner $\frac{1}{4}$. Three quarters of an inch thus $\frac{3}{4}$. One eight of a Pearch, on this wise $\frac{1}{8}$. So of the reſt.

It is requiſite alſo here to open what a Pearch, a Day worke, a Roode, and an Acre is.

Although there are diuers opinions engendred through long cuſtome in many places, of the length of a Pearch, (vpon which our chiefe matter dependeth) yet there is but one true Pearch by Statute appointed to meaſure by. Wherin is ordained three Barly cornes drie and round, to make an inch: twelue inches, a Foote; three Foote a Yard: fiue Yards, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pearch: fortie Pearches in length, and foure in breadth, an Acre. So an Acre by ſtatute ought to containe 160. Pearches; the halfe Acre 80. Pearches; a Roode, commonly called a quarter, 40. Pearches, a day worke 4. Pearches. Loe heere the Acre expreſſed with his length and breadth.

Acre.

Breadth.		Length.
1	——	160
2	——	80
4	——	40
5	——	32
8	——	20
10	——	16

Inſtruments to meaſure with Poales, Cord knotted, Profitable ſtaffe.

I muſt not omit here to tell you what thing is meeteſt to meaſure Land with. They vſe commonly in the countrey two Poales, either of them the length of a Pearch. They are very good: yet for all kinde of Land, a Cord fiue Pearches in length, well ſeared with waxe and roſen, knotted or marked at the end of euery Pearch, is more meete and readier. But in my fantaſie, the inſtrument Geometricall, which is put forth in the end of this Booke, paſſeth them all and other, for the exact truth and quickeſt ſpeed. This Inſtrument is ſo generall and auaileable to ſo ſundry things, that it alone requireth a large Booke, if it ſhould be ſufficiently ſet forth.

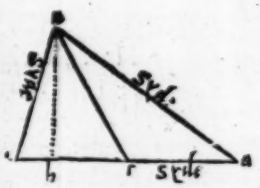
Triangle.

Alſo I would not haue you ignorant what piece of Land is called a Triangle, which often ſhall hereafter bee named. It is ſuch a faſhioned piece as hath (or is imagined to haue) three ſides, and three Angles onely: whether the ſides bee equall or otherwiſe, as this figure ſheweth. Againe, note that a line is ſaid to fall Squirewiſe, when it cutteth any thing, or any of a Triangle full croſſe, like vnto a Squire: As the hanging

Line falling Squirewiſe.

pricked

pricked line a. b. in c. d. the base line of the Triangle. Loe it cutteth the side squirewise, or full crosse in the point b. and not as the other line a. c. doth. The base of any Triangle is here called that side, which is cut squire wise of the hanging line.



Concerning a Circle, know, that the compasse of any Circle is named a Circumference: the middle point in himb, is Center: the right line h. i. that goeth ouerwhart that Center touching the Circumference on both sides is his Diameter: the halfe of that line, the Semidiameter. Also an Arch is a piece of the Circumference cut away: as yee see the Arch aboue the line f. g. Also f. g. h. i in this Circle are named paralels: for that they differ equally in all places, the one from the other.

Circle.

Circumference.
Center.
Diameter.
Semidiameter.
Arch.
Parallels.

Note because practise and experience sheweth me, that there is almost no Land, but it may easily be brought by imagination to a Triangle or Triangles, and so most truly measured: therefore, to be short, this order shall be taken: I will first figure and set afore your eyes Triangled Land, and other which by imaginations shall be brought into Triangles. Then I shall teach the true measuring of them: I meane how to finde a length and breath, with which yee shall enter the table of account following, where the Acres and odde Pearches (if there be any) shall appeare. As these figures are measured, so all Triangled Land, and other brought into Triangles, of what fashion so euer they be, shall be measured. And because it is requisite for true measuring of all Triangles, to finde a straight hanging line, I shall shew first how that line is to bee found, imagined, or drawne.

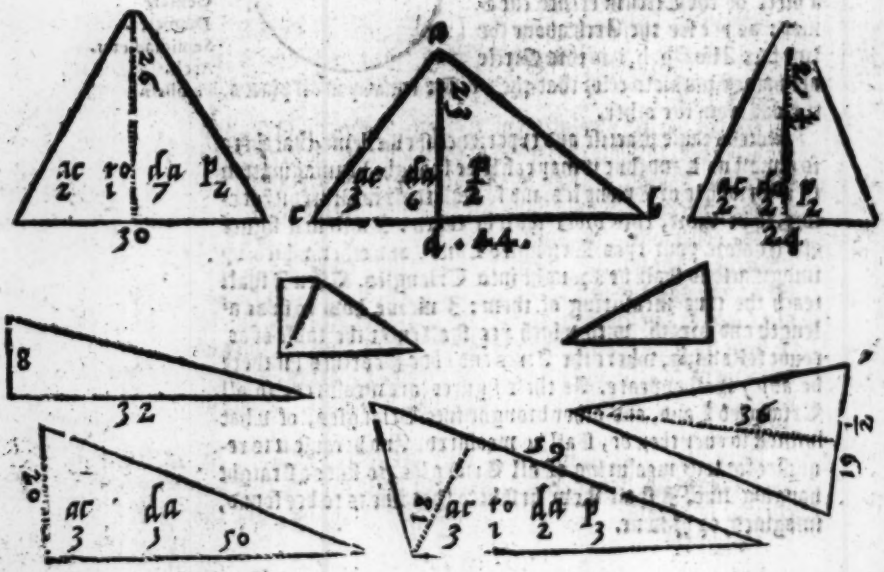
How

How the right hanging line in Triangles is drawne.

The ij. Chapter.

To draw a hanging or plumbe line.

THis straight hanging line in all Triangles is euer drawne or imagined from any Angle, cutting some one side of that Triangle (quitewise: as yee may perceiue the pricked lines in the Triangles following. By the helpe of this line, all Lands of Triangle fashion, are brought to bee measured as ensueth.



How

How to measure all manner Triangled Land.

The iij. Chapter.

IF thou be an Arithmetician, multiplie this streight hanging line, drawne, as aboue is shewed, in halfe the number of Pearches of that side, which it cutteth squirewise. For want of the knowledge, take the aforenamed Pearches (I meane of the hanging line, and halfe the side which he cutteth) and with that length and breadth enter your Table of account, as there is set forth. So shall yee perceiue the number of Acres, Roodes, Dayworkes, &c. Euclid the 1. Booke 41. pro.

Example.

FOr the perfect measuring of Triangles afore figured, and all other, suppose the second of these last nine figures of the other side, hauing written about it a. b. c. d. to bee a piece of Land, whereof I would haue the true measure, I finde by a Cord, otherwise, the pricked hanging line a. b. to bee 23. Pearches: the side b. c. which it cutteth squirewise 44. Pearches: whose halfe is 22. With these 22. and 23. the conuenient length and breadth, I enter the Table of account. There I finde by that Table, at the corner where both the lines of conuenient length and breadth doe meete, 3. Acres, 6. dayworkes, and two Pearches to be in that Triangle. Thus of all before figured.

Here note your Table must euer bee entred with all the Pearches of the hanging line, and with halfe the side that hee cutteth squirewise. Or with the halfe hanging line, and the whole side cut. This table followeth.

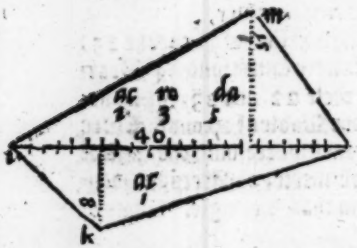
A figure of a double Triangle.

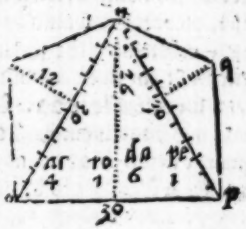
This figure e. f. g. h, is but two Triangles: and therefore measured as aboue in two parts. Or thus: the hanging line, e. g. is 33. Pearches: the side f. h. that he cutteth squirewise 20. Pearches, the halfe of the which is 10. Now enter your Table as afore, with 33. and 10. the conuenient length and breadth. So shall ye finde two Acres, two Dayworkes, and two Pearches, the true content of this figure e. f. g. h.

Another example.

Figures of many Angles.

Admit i. k. l. m. Land to bee measured. Because it is no manner triangle, it must be brought by imagination, as I haue said, into a triangle or triangles. Which imagination is here signified by the line dashed i. l. Then as aboue is





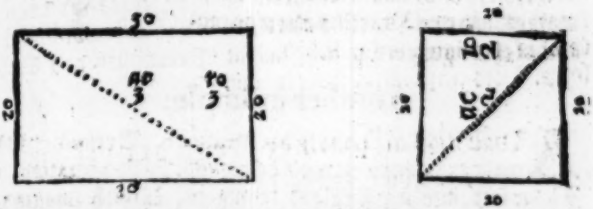
declared, it ought to bee measured (according to the rule of Triangles) in two parts, because there are two Triangles in that land. So by proofe ye shall finde in the vpper i. m. l. one Acre, 3. Roodes, and fiue Dayworke: in the other i. k. l. one Acre. Thus I gather the whole content of that Land, to bee two Acres, three Roodes, and fiue Dayworkes.

None

None otherwiſe of the adioyned n. o. p. q. and all other figures following: and other whatſoeuer they are, that by any meanes may be brought into Triangles.

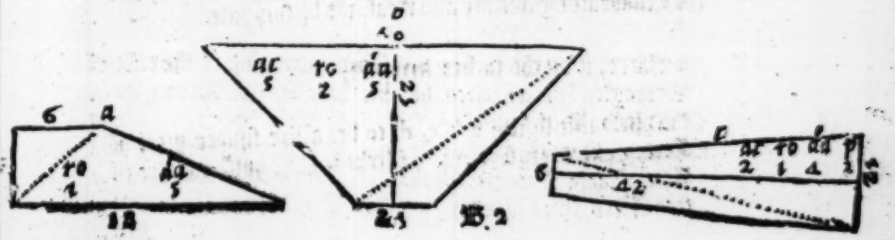
Furthermore know that the figure i. k. l. m. is readily thus meaſured. Adde the Pearches of both the hanging Lines together: ſo haue yee 23. With this number, and with halfe the Pearches of the ſide, i. l. which bee cutteth ſquirewiſe, being 10. Pearches, enter your Table. So is found as afore.

These two figures following may alſo bee thus meaſured, otherwiſe, then by the rule of Triangles. Enter your Table with their conuenient length and breadth. So ſhall you finde the contents of all ſuch.



These three figures following, although they may be meaſured by the rule of triangles, yet for quicker ſpeede, they haue alſo their proper meaſuring as enſueth.

Lay together the two ſides which are parallels of the firſt figure a. that is 6. and 18. making 24. the halfe is 12. the breadth 5 Enter with 5. and 12. your table. So haue you one rood, and fiue dayworkes. For the other two b.c. and ſuch like, ioyne the heads or ends in one: and enter your table with halfe of thoſe Pearches, and with the whole number of the middle line.



How by ſupputation to meaſure all triangled Land.

To meaſure triangled land by ſupputation.

IOyne all the ſides together: take halfe out of that halfe, pull euery ſide, notting the difference. Then multiplie the differences, the one in the other, and the third difference augment in the product. That which encreaſeth, multiply in the halfe of all the ſides ioyned. Then the Radix of the ſurmounting ſumme is the content of that Triangle.

Foure rules following.

Now reſt foure Rules to bee treated of. The firſt for all manner Regular iquare Superficies. The ſecond for round Land, and her parts. The third for Steeples, Columnes, Globes, and their parts. The laſt for Mountaines and Vaileyes. Here they ſhall in order follow.

A rule for all manner Regular or right ſquared Land of many ſides, as 5.6.7.8.9.10.20.100, &c.

The iiij. Chapter.

To meaſure land of many ſides.

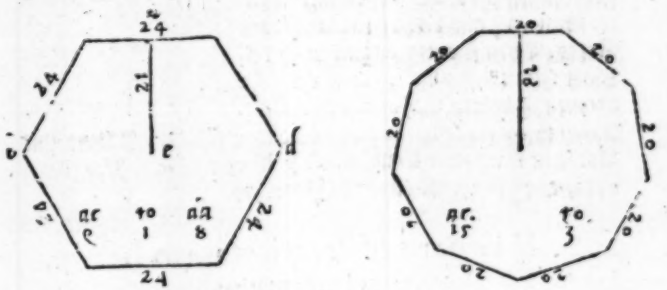
MEaſure and lay all the ſides together, taking the halfe number of Pearches there contained. Then draw a right hanging line from the Center or middeſt of that figure, or the middeſt of ſome one ſide: And with that length and the other, enter your Table. Note that the Triangle of all ſides like, and the Quadrate figures are alſo meaſured by this rule.

Example.

SUppoſe this figure a b c. d. to bee a ſixe ſquare piece of Land, and euery ſide 24. Pearches. The halfe ſumme of all

all sides is 72. Pearches: the right hanging pricked line a. c. 21. Pearches. With these two Numbers ye must enter your Table of account following hereafter; and doe as is opened in the declaration there adioyned, when Numbers surmount the Table as they doe here.

So shall ye finde 9. Acres, 1. Roode, and 8 Daywerkes, the content of this figure a. b. c. d. Euen thus is the other nine squared figures measured, and such like.



A rule for round Land, and the parts thereof.

The v. Chapter.

HAlfe the Diameter multiplied in halfe the Circumference, sheweth the content of any Circle. Archimedes in libello circuli mensurationis.

Or thus more plainely: Ye shall enter your Table with halfe the number of Pearches of the whole Circumference or compasse, and with the number of halfe the Diameter or breadth. So haue yee the content.

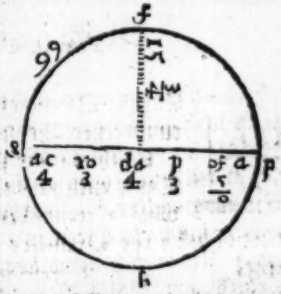
Enſample.

Suppoſe a piece of land, whereof the compaſſe is 100. pearches, the breadth 32. Pearches, I would know how much Land is in this figure. Enter your table with halfe the compaſſe, that is 50. and with halfe the breadth, that is 16. Pearches. Becauſe in the table I cannot finde 50. for the greateſt length is 40. (therefore I enter with 40.) and 16. So is found foure Acres. Then I enter againe with 16. Pearches remaining, and 16. the breadth, as before, that bringeth 1. Acre. Now to conclude by addition of one andfoure, I finde fiue Acres in that round Land, whoſe halfe compaſſe is fifty Pearches, and the breadth ſixteene Pearches.

How parts of Pearches are to be counted in meaſuring.

For perfect knowledge and vſe of this table following, when parts of Pearches are adioyned, note well this other example that enſueth, and alſo what is ſaid of the declaration annexed vnto the table, when parts of Pearches are in the length, breadth, or both.

Imagine f. g. h. to be a round piece of Land: I finde by meaſure the whole compaſſe, 99. Pearches. The halfe is 49, ½. The hanging Line or halfe breadth is 15. ¼. Enter your Table with the whole Pearches, that is 49. and 15. leauing out ½. and ¼. which were but parts of Pearches. So haue



ye 4. Acres, 2. Roods, 3. Daywoꝛkes, and 3. Pearches. Foꝛ thoſe parts of Pearches omitted, at your firſt entring the table, woꝛke thus: The halfe Pearch, Quarter, oꝛ other part of a Pearch in the length, muſt bee reckoned by themſelues in the whole breadth, and thoſe of the breadth contrariwiſe in the length. If there be ſuch odde parts in both, then reckon them of the length in the whole breadth, and them of the breadth in the whole length, ioyning to the other afoꝛe-gotten, remembꝛing the pꝛoduct of the one fraction multiplied in the other, to be pulled from the encreaſe. To make this matter plaine, I will take this laſt example going beſoꝛe. The one number wherewith I ſhould haue entred my table, was 49. $\frac{1}{2}$ the other 15. $\frac{1}{4}$. I found firſt by entring with 49 and 15. (omitting the odde parts) 4. Acres, 2. Roodes, 3. Daywoꝛkes, and 3. Pearches. Now foꝛ the encreaſe of the parts of Pearches left out, I muſt (as I ſaid) reckon them of the length in the breadth, and contrariwiſe them of the breadth in the length. Halfe 15. $\frac{1}{4}$. is 7. Pearches, and $\frac{3}{4}$. Three quarters of 49. is 37. Pearches, $\frac{1}{4}$. Which added makes 45. Pearches. This adioyned to the number afoꝛe-gotten bringeth the whole content of the round figure which is 4. Acres, 3. Roods, 4 Daywoꝛkes, 3 Pearches, and $\frac{1}{4}$. of a Pearch, the product of the one fraction multiplied in the other ſubducted. What muſt bee done when the numbers wherewith ye ſhould enter, exceede your table, counſell the declaration of your table there adioyned.

Of the halfe Circle.

FOꝛ this halfe circle, enter the table with halfe the compaſſe, e with halfe the Diameter of the circle, oꝛ with the length of the pricked hanging line, k.l. So the content of this halfe Circle is 2. Acres, 1. Roode, 7. Daywoꝛkes, 1. Pearch, and $\frac{11}{16}$. of a Pearch.

To meaſure halfe circled land.

Another

Another example of Portions and parts of a Circle.

SUppoſe n. m. o following, were a part of a circle or piece of Land, whoſe content ye deſire. The whole Compaſſe of the Circle which this portion repreſenteth, is (as aforeſaid) 99. Pearches: his Diameter or breadth 31. ½. The pricked Arke or Compaſſe n. m. o. is 74. Now with the halfe Breadth or Semidiameter of the Circle, 15. ½. and with 37. the halfe of the pricked Compaſſe, enter your Table. So haue ye 3. Acres, 2. Roodes, 5. Dayworkes, 2. Pearches, and ¾. of a Pearch, the Content of the piece of Land full of prickes, to the ſides of the Triangle pricked.

To meaſure parts of circled Land.

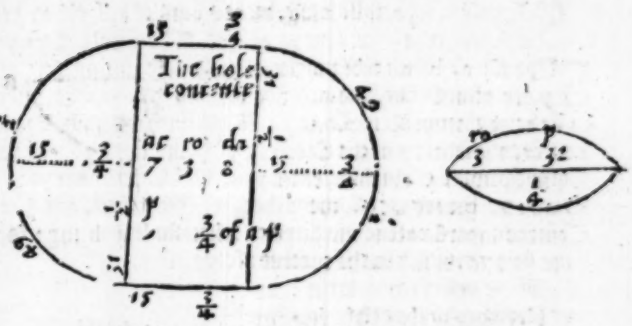
If ye deſire to know the ſum of Pearches in the other portion beneath the Triangle, ſeperated by the Line m. o. yee muſt adde the Content of the Triangle (which is 3. Roodes and ¾. of a Pearch, found by the Rule of Triangles) to the Acres and Pearches before ſearched. So haue ye 4 Acres, one Roode, 5. Dayworkes, three Pearches, and ½. of a Pearch. This ſubſtracted or pulled from the number contained in the whole Circle, the remaine is the Pearches included in the ſmall piece beneath the Triangle: That is, 1. Roode, 36. Pearches, and ½. of a Pearch.

How mixed Figures are meaſured.

Land compounded of circles, or his parts.

I Thinke none now will doubt how theſe two figures following are meaſured, becauſe they are made of portions or parts of Circles, whoſe meaſure is before ſufficiently opened

ned, the one consisting of two halfe Circles, and a Quadran-gle: the other being the portions of the Circle, m.o. doubled.



If any euill fashioned Land chance to be measured, which requireth to be brought into many Triangles, to saue labour, yee may adde some portion vnto that, and make it Square, or otherwise. So let them bee measured: and after from the product pull away that yee added: the remaine is the Content.

To finde the content superficiall of Steeples, Columnes, Globes, and their parts.

TO the Arithmetician, I say: for picked Steeples, multiplie the whole side in halfe the circumference of the Base, adding the plaine of that Base. For pillers: augment the Circumference of the Base in the Heights, putting to the plaine of both Bases. For Globes, the diameter in the Circumference multiplied. Euen so of fragments or parts. Let them that be voide of Arithmetike enter my Table of account following, with such numbers as I now willed the Arithmetician to multiplie, not forgetting what I haue before written. So I serue their turne. To measure Steeples, Columnes, Globes, &c.

Or thus by the rule of proportion, the parts of a Globe are found.

To meaſure parts of Globes.

Suppoſe a. b. c. to bee a piece of a Globe, and 4. to be a proportion of the Diameter, the whole being 14. Thus I ſay, 14. the whole Diameter giueth 616. the Content ſuperficiall of the Circle: what ſhall 4. bring: So haue ye 176. which is the content of that piece.

To finde the Diameter by ſome knowne portion thereof.

To finde the vnknowne Diameter of a Globe

If ye be ignorant what length the Diameter of the Globe is, whoſe proportion ye haue, the height or part of the Decrecient being 4. foote, augment halfe the line a.b. which is 6. $\frac{1}{7}$. in himſelfe, and the product diuide by 4. So haue ye 10. to be added to 4. which maketh 14. the whole Diameter.

The true meaſuring of Mountaines and Valleys.

The vi. Chapter.

To meaſure Mountaines.

Firſt ye ſhall meaſure the circuit of the Foote, or Baſe of the Mountaine: then the compas of the ſummity or top, adding them together So ſhall ye do of the Aſcenſes, that is, the going vp from the foot to the top, ioinyng the meaſure of the longer & ſhorter in one. Now take the halfe of the circuit added, & the halfe part of the Aſcenſes ioyned, and enter your table; there ſhall ye ſee the Content.

Enſample

Enſample.

A.b.c. is the mountaine: a.c. the circuit of the Baſe, being 100. Pearches, b. the top 16. Pearches. Which ioyned together, make 116. b.c. the one Aſcenſe is 55. Pearches: the other 75. Theſe added make 130. The halfe of the circuits is 58. the halfe of the Aſcenſes 65. with theſe two ſummes yee ſhall enter your table of account, where yee ſhall finde 23. Acres. 2. Roodes, and 10. Pearches, the true content of this figured hil.

Figure of a Mountaine.

Of the Valley.

AS in the Mountaine ye meaſured the circuite or compaſs of the Baſe or Foote: ſo here contrary yee ſhall meete round about the circuite or compaſſe of the height of the Valley And as yee got the meaſure or compaſſe of the top of the Mountaine, ſo meaſure the circuit of the depth of the Valley. In like manner as yee meaſured the Aſcence, that is, the going vp from the foote to the top: ſo meaſure the Deſcenſe or going downe of the Hill, to the depth of the Valley. The reſt all worke, as I haue ſhewed you in meaſuring the Mountaine. For more plainneſſe, behold this enſample or figure. If ye lay together the circuites of the height & depth, which is 210. and 30. taking the halfe art of thoſe two Circuites, making

To meaſure Valleyes.

Figure of a Valley.

an 120. then the two Assises 140 and 60. added in one product 200 the halfe thereof being 100: with this and 120. the other halfe of the Circuite, ye may enter your table. That doing, lot 75. Acres.

How the Table of account now following, is to be vsed.

What is to bee done when numbers, with which you should enter, exceede your Table.

When you haue gotten a conuenient Length and Bredth, (as I haue aboue declared by diuerse triangles and other figures) then you shall enter this Table. Seeke there the Length, and most number of Pearches in the higher margine, which beginneth at 1: and endeth rightward at 40. Looke the other summe of Pearches (I meane the bredth) in the right side and hanging margine, from 1. descending to 30. Now at the meeting of the lines, where the one answereth the other directly in a square, you shall finde the Acres, Roodes, Day workes, and Pearches. Note that the first number set on the left side, and vpper part in any square, signifieth the number of Acres. The figure 1. set in the vpper part, and right side, doth betoken a Roode: the figure 2. there two Roods, 3. three Roodes. And the figure in the left side beneath, signifieth a Day worke, or Day workes. A figure in the lower part rightward, declareth Pearches.

A Declaration adioyned.

When it chanceth that the one number or both with the which ye should enter this table, are greater then any here found: it behoueth you to take the halfe of the one, and the whole of the other, or what parts ye list of both, most commodious for your purpose, and so enter your table. Looke then what is there found, and it shall beare his name of the parts multiplied in themselues.

Ensample

Enſample.

Suppoſe the number with the which ye ſhould enter your table to bee 130. Pearches in length, and the breadth 60. neither of theſe may bee found in the Margines: wherefore I take the third part of an 130. which is 34. Pearches, and one remaineth.

The halfe 60. that is 30. I finde with entring them at the common meeting, 6. Acres, 1. Roode, and 5. Daywoorkes. This ſumme muſt haue his name of the parts augmented in themſelues. I tooke the third part of the one, and halfe the other number, therefore 2. muſt be multiplied in 3. or contrarie: ſo haue ye ſtre, which ſignifieth that yee haue found by entring, but the ſixth part of the number ye ſhould finde. Wherefore I muſt take this ſumme tofore found (being Acres, 1. Roode, and 5. Daywoorkes) ſixe times as much. So haue ye 33. Acrees and one Roode. For the Pearch remaining in length, reckon him in the breadth (as is afore declared) in the fifth Chapter of the Remaines: ſo haue yee 60. Pearches more to be added. So the encreaſe of theſe two numbers, 103. and 60. amount to 38. Acres, two Roodes and 5. Daywoorks. Thus any manner length and breadth is reduced to this table following, which ſufficeth.

Looke what I haue ſhewed in the Chapter of parts, that vnderſtand here of whole Pearches, leſt ſubſtracting, &c.

Thus with few woordes is ended the certaine meaſuring of all manner Land, touching the Superficiall Contents. Wherefore now ſhall follow the true meaſuring of Timber, Stone, Steeples, Pillers, Globes, according to their Craſſitude.

Such as are altogether ignorant of Arithmetike, may reckon by our Engliſh coyne, allowing for euery Pearch in length or breadth a penny, and ſo euery Marke makes an Acre, euery Noble halfe an Acre, euery forty pence or halfe Noble, a roode, and euery penny a ſquare Pearch. And ſo by memorie without tables, may in ſome rude and groſſe manner, caſt by reaſonable iuſt the true contents of all Cloſes, Medowes, Marſhes, Hils or Valleys.

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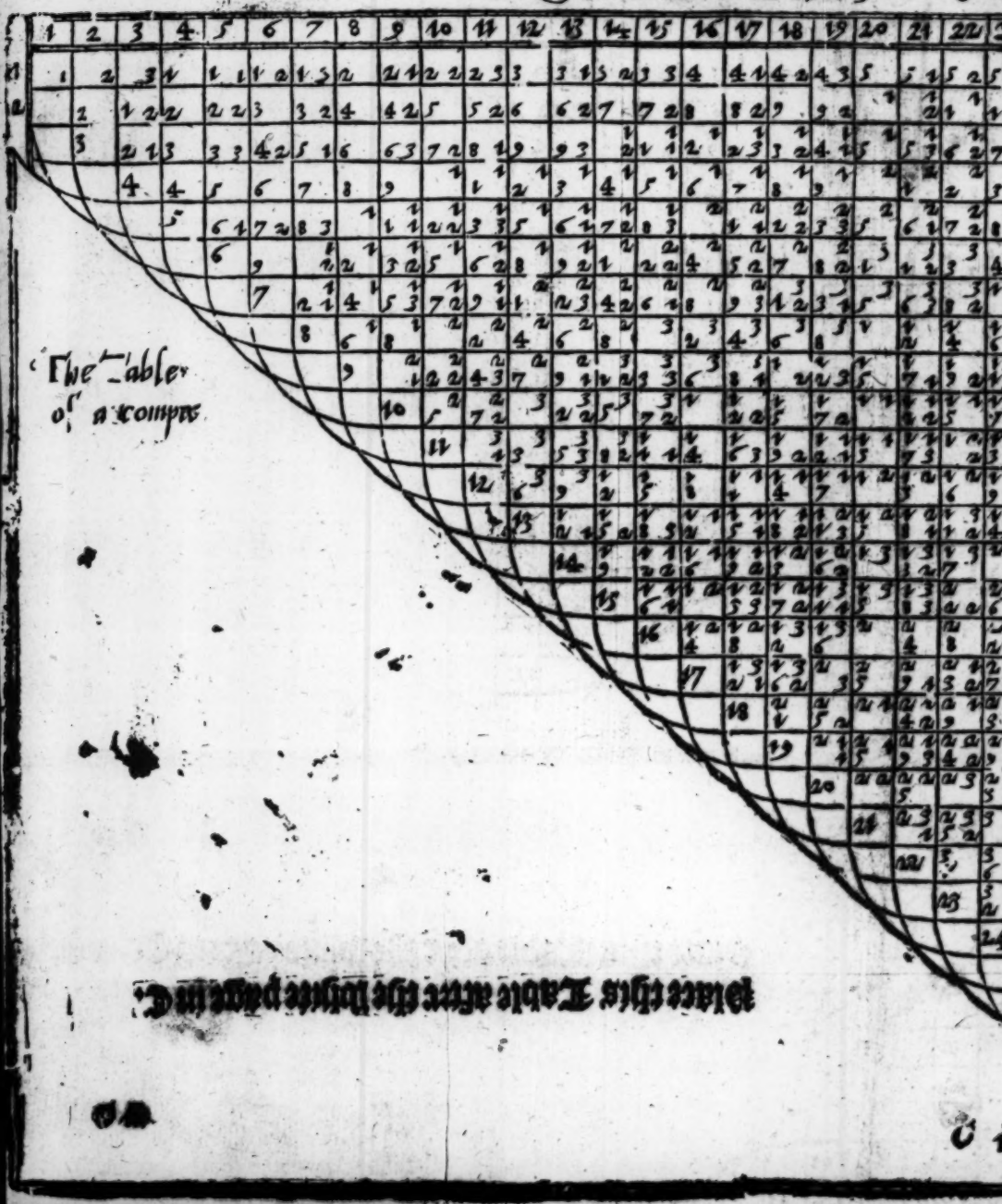

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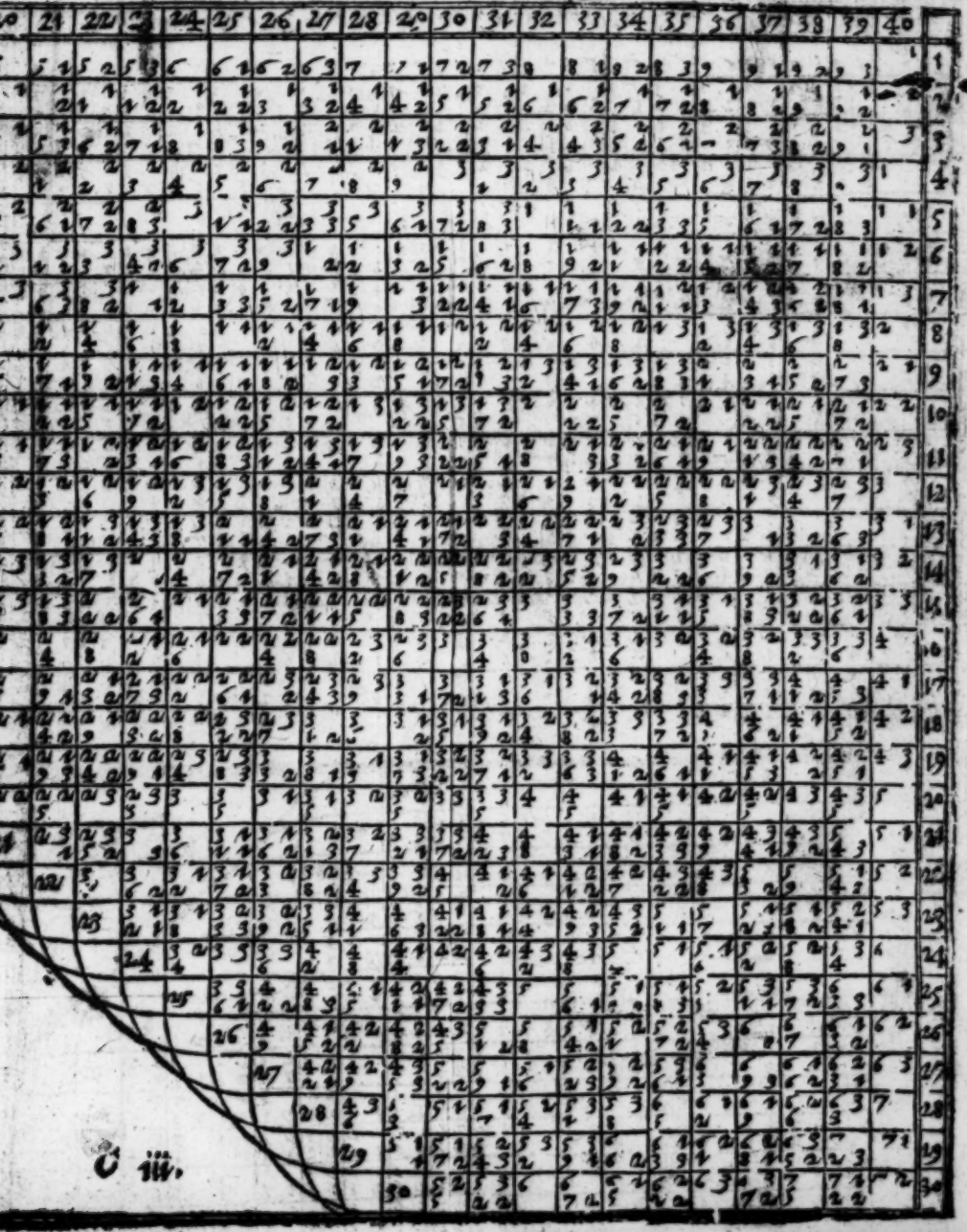
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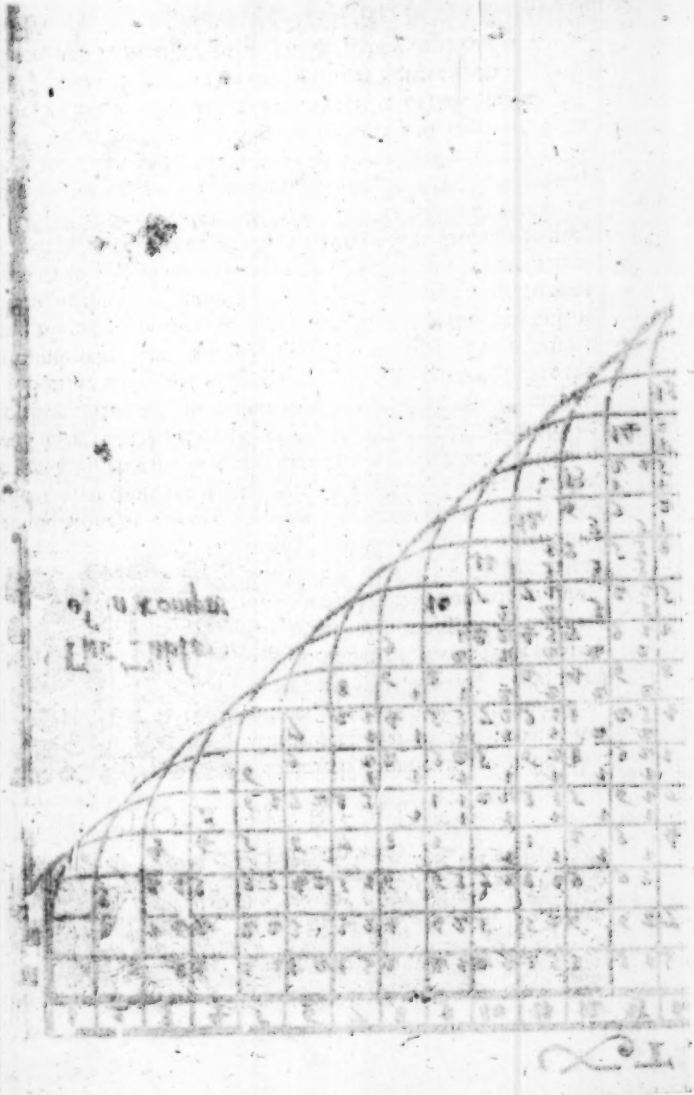


TO THE READER.

IT commeth commonly to paſſe, that Carpenters, Maſons, and ſuch like Artificers, are put either to meaſure timber euery way ſquare, or ſquared logs, broader on the one ſide then on the other: yea many times mutilate or vnperfect ſtuffe. Sometimes three, fiue, tenne, or twenty, ſquare in the head, and ſo through: oftentimes round Stone or Timber with hollowed, &c. Afore I ſhew vnto them what muſt bee done with ſuch pieces of Timber or Stone, to get their true meaſure, my deſire ſhall be that ſuch Craftsmen will leaue to be heady or ſelfe willed: yea ſo greedily to ſticke to their corrupted rules, that vtterly they refuſe to bee taught.

Both learning and experience declareth vnto mee, that the grounds which the beſt of them haue, are falſe. To open how and where, it needeth not: neither doth it appertaine to inſtruction, onely it may ſuffice him that liketh the true way, here to receiue it appointed to him. Yet to ſatisfie and content him which will not beleeue any ſuch errors or falſe grounds to bee, I ſay (and truely) that the Ruler of Timber meaſure, which the moſt part of them hath, is not made by right Art: Beſides that, their craft in ſeeking the Square of ſome Timber is very falſe. They vſe in meaſuring, to lay the broader and narrower ſides together in a ſumme, and to take the halfe of that number for the Square. Then they ſeeke this vntrue Square vpon the falſe Ruler, and ſo meaſuring the Timber, they conclude of it vntruely.

As

As this is corrupted, ſo are other Grounds which they take to be infallible. Now to the purpoſe: touching the correction of thoſe Errors, with other not mentioned, whereby true meaſuring may enſue, this way ſhall be taken. After I haue opened how you muſt handle all ſuch faſhioned Timber (as afore is ſpoken of) there ſhall follow a Table in which yee may finde (as I will declare) the Square of any Stone or Timber. That knowne, it is requiſite to haue another Table immediately following, which may appoint to all true Squares from 1. to 6. inches, the iuſt length to make a foote euery way Square. With the length agreeable to your Square, your Logge muſt be meaſured. And as oft as ye finde it from the one end to the other of your Timber, ſo oft you may conclude the foote Square to bee contained in that Timber Logge, or Stone: that is, ſo many Square Feete there to bee included. This Table of Timber meaſure ſtandeth in the place of a good Ruler, well decked with true meaſures. By this ye may make or correct Rulers at pleaſure, as after appeareth.

In a Foote ſquare is contained 172. Inches.

Now orderly followeth the true meaſuring of all faſhioned Timber or ſtone aforenamed.

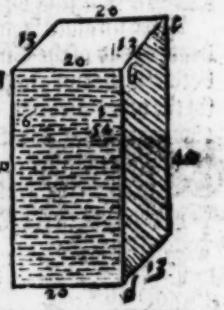
How Timber or Stone foureſquare *euery way, or broader on the one ſide* then on the other, is meaſured.

The vij. Chapter.

IF a piece of Timber or Stone, be either equally ſquare, broader on the one ſide, then on the other, yee ſhall take the iuſt meaſure, I meane, how many Inches the broader ſide containeth: euen ſo of the narrower. This done, ye muſt ſeek in the Table of ſquares following, the meaſure of the broader ſide of the Timber or Stone, in the vpper margine of that Table. Then looke for the number of Inches, of the equall or narrower ſide, in the right part and hanging Margin. At the common meeting where the one number anſwereth directly to the other, there your true Square ſhall appeare. This ſquare ſo found, ſhall be referred to your Table of Timber meaſure: in the which you may plainely ſee (if you runne downe by the left Margin, vntill your Inches ſquare appeare) how many Feet or Inches of your Ruler belong to a Foote ſquare. As often as that meaſure there found, is contained in the Timber or Stone, ſo often and as many Feete ſquare yee may conclude (without doubt) the piece of Timber or Stone to haue.

Enſample.

Suppoſe this ſquared Timber or Stone a.b.c.d. were to be meaſured, the broader ſide a.b. 20. Inches, the narrower ſide b.c. 13. Inches, the length 40. Inches. Now I muſt ſeeke the broader ſide 20, in the vpper Margine of the table. The narrower ſide 13, muſt be found in the right ſide and hanging Margine. At their common meeting 16. Inches, and $\frac{3}{4}$. part of an Inch ſhall appeare.



This true ſquare muſt be ſearched for in the table of timber meaſure. Therefore looke for 16. in the Margine of this table. In the Squares with him rightwarn, ye ſhal finde 6. inches, and $\frac{3}{4}$. which is three quarters of an Inch. Some deale leſſe of your Ruler then 6. and $\frac{3}{4}$. laid out vpon the timber, maketh a Foote Square. And that meaſure ſo directly handled, is contained in the Length of your Timber fiue times. Wherefore aſſigne fiue Foote there to be, beſide that is left $\frac{1}{12}$. parte of a Foote. Not becauſe the Squares at all times (in this Enſample) riſe not to euen Inches, but ſometime to odde parts: therefore according to your diſcretion, adde or take away ſome part more or leſſe in ſeeking forth the Foote Square, as aboue is perfourmed.

It were intolerable tedioufneſſe, yea impoſſible to ſet forth the true quantities of timber meaſure, to all odde Denuntiations of Squares. The diſcreete handling of theſe, the witte ſhall bring to a ſufficient exactneſſe.

Of

Of Timber or Stone, 3. 5. 10. 20. or mo sides Square, &c.

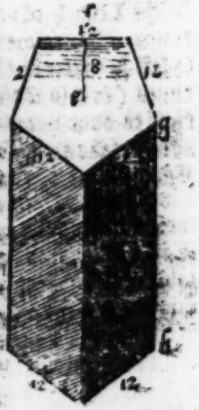
The viij. Chapter.

When Timber hath diuers equall Squares in the head, and ſo throughe: firſt, meaſure all the ſquare ſides round about the heap or end of the Timber. Then take halfe the number of the whole meaſure for one breadth.

Then meaſure from the Center (which is the middle of the head, or end of the Timber) to the middeſt of the Square ſide, between the two Angels, and take the meaſure of that diſtance for the other breadth. Now reſort with the meaſures of theſe two breadths, (as before) to the Table of Squares ſeeing the bigger number or breadth in the vpper Margine, and the other leſſer in the ſide Margine. With the ſquare there found, haue recourſe to the Table of Timber meaſure, and doe as I haue inſtructed.

Enſample.

Admit this ſmall piece of Timber fiue ſquare, e.f.g.h. ſhould be meaſured, every ſide being 12. Inches. If ye adde together in one ſumme all the fiue ſides, they make 60. Inches. The halfe is 30. that ſerueth for one breadth. Then the Line e.f. which goeth from the Center or middeſt of the Square, to the middle of one ſide, is 8. Inches. The two number 30. and 8. muſt be ſought (as before) in the table of ſquares following. At the common meeting, your ſquare ſhall appeare 15. Inches, $\frac{9}{10}$. This ſquare 15. ſeeke in the Table of Timber meaſure. There ye may ſee right with it 7. Inches, and $\frac{1}{2}$. Now becauſe of $\frac{9}{10}$. the odde quantity of the



Square aboue 15. Inches, lay ſomething leſſe. Then ſee how oftentimes that meaſure (ſo with diſcretion handled) is from the one end of your Timber to the other: and affirme ſo many times a Foote ſquare there to be, as that meaſure is found in the length of your Logge.

How round and hollow Timber, Steeples, Pillers, Globes, &c. are to be meaſured.

The ix. Chapter.

FIrſt gird the Logge round about with ſome Line: then diuide the Line which compaſſeth that timber in two equall parts: keepe the one part for the bigger breath. After, ye ſhall diuide againe that whole length (the two and twenty part caſt away) in three parts, and take the halfe of one of them for the other narrower breadth. With the meaſures of theſe two breadths, haſte to your table, performing all things as afore is opened.

Enſample.

Suppoſe this little piece of Timber, i.k.l.m. were to be meaſured, the compaſſe or girding 36. Inches, and the halfe of that is 18. being the one breadth: then the third of 36. is 12. the halfe of it is 6. which is the other narrower breath, with theſe two numbers 6. and 18. enter the Table of ſquares following, and ſo the table of Timber meaſure. At the laſt (all things performed as before) ye ſhall finde in this round Logge, the length l.m. being 18. Inches, 1. Foote, and ½ part of a Foote. This is ſufficient for all ſuch like.

A note of hollowed Timber.

IF it chance that hollowed Timber be to be meaſured: meaſure the whole Logge as though it were not hollow, as aboue is declared. Then meaſure the narrower and broader ſide of the hollow, and ſee what is contained in that, as though it were maſſie Timber. Now pull out the content of it, from the whole aboue meaſured: the remaine of force muſt ſhew what timber is included in that hollowed body.

I Am vnable in few words to expreſſe to the vnlearned, by what meane Pyramidall, or picked regular Steeples of all faſhions are meaſured. Alſo how Pillers, how the content of Globes or Bowles are ſearched, vnleſſe the Art of numbring were taſted. That being knowne: thus (as now followeth) I teach.

How the craſſitude of picked Steeples is knowne.

MUltiply the plaine of the Baſe in the third part of the Height: ſo yee haue the Craſſitude. Or multiplie the Content ſuperficiall (found as I haue inſtructed) in the Height of the Steeple, taking for your purpoſe the third part of that product.

How the Content of Pillers is knowne.

ENcreaſe the Baſe plaine in his Altitude or Height: ſo haue ye your deſire.

How the Cubicall bodies of Globes are searched.

The content Superficiall found, (as I haue opened) muſt be multiplied in the ſixth part of the Diameter: the product is that ye require: Or the third part of the ſuperficiall Content in halfe the Diameter. Or multiplie the plaine of the Circle in the whole Diameter: then take two third parts, which added, make the Craſſitude.

Of the halfe Circle.

His Superficiall Content multiplied (as I ſaid) bringeth the magnitude of him. If any man require enſamples of theſe laſt matters, or more ſufficient handling: let them reſort vnto my bookes published of Geometrie, where they ſhall be ſatiſfied. Theſe little appertaine to Carpenters or Maſons: therefore not by enſample declared.

A generall note.

When thou ſhalt be put to meaſure ſome Body, without order or faſhion, lacking part of his Square, or hauing more then his Forme: if it lacke, thou ſhalt make it perfect, by obſeruing diligently the running together of the lines. The parts wanting ſhall be meaſured, as though they were there; which portions muſt be taken from the whole Body meaſured.

Alſo when there reſulteth anymore then the forme or Regular Square: firſt meaſure the ſquare Body: then the Craſſitude which aboundeth. All put together, doe ſhew the whole irregular Bodie. This ſufficeth.

A Table to finde the iuſt Radix or Square of any Timber or Stone.

IT behoueth you to know, that this table following is made for the true ſquare of any manner timber: therefore vnderſtand that the numbers from 1. to 40. ſet aboue in the high Margine, betoken the Inches of the broader ſide of the timber. And the numbers from 1. and ſo downward to 30. put in the right part and hanging Margine of this table, ſignifie the Inches of the narrower ſide: and to conclude briefly, the Element or figures ſet in euery ſquare roome, betoken the iuſt ſquare. The bigger figures leftward in euery ſquare place, ſignifie the whole Inches. And the other leſſer rightward in the ſame ſquare diuided by a line, the parts of Inches, as $\frac{1}{7}$, &c.

This firſt Fraction toward the left hand, betokeneth one halfe part of an inch: the other two fifts of an Inch, and euery figure or fraction hauing a point adioyned vnto him, ſome deale leſſe then that part is: as that part, $\frac{1}{2}$ repreſenteth ſcant halfe an Inch, a very little quantitie leſſe. And if it had two pyckes by him, he ſhould haue declared ſome quantitie more: as this other fraction or part, $\frac{2}{7}$: which is more then two fifts, a ſmall deale.

It had not beene needfull to haue put the parts of the Square ſo preciſely as they are here: neither is it requiſite ſo curiouſly to take them.

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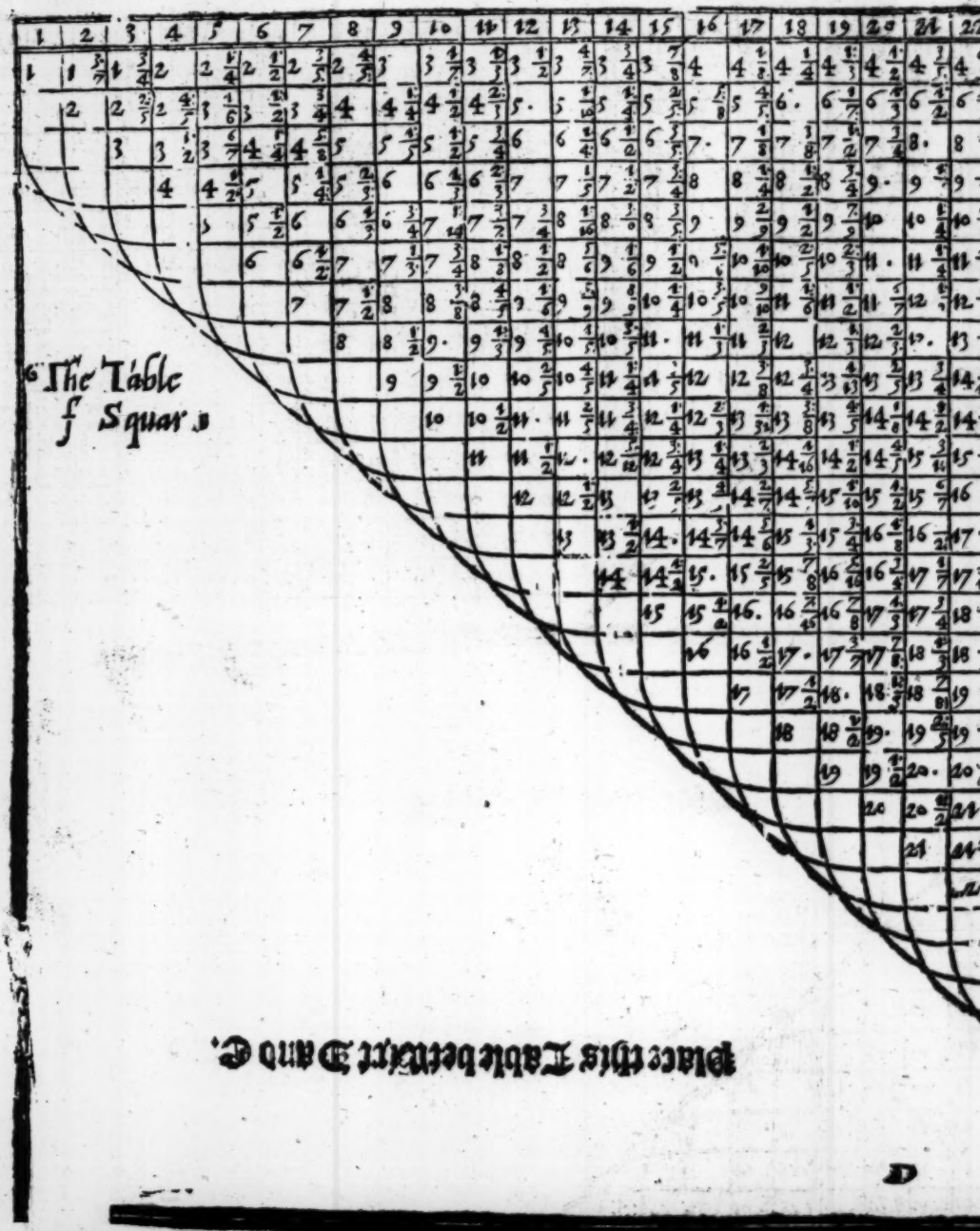

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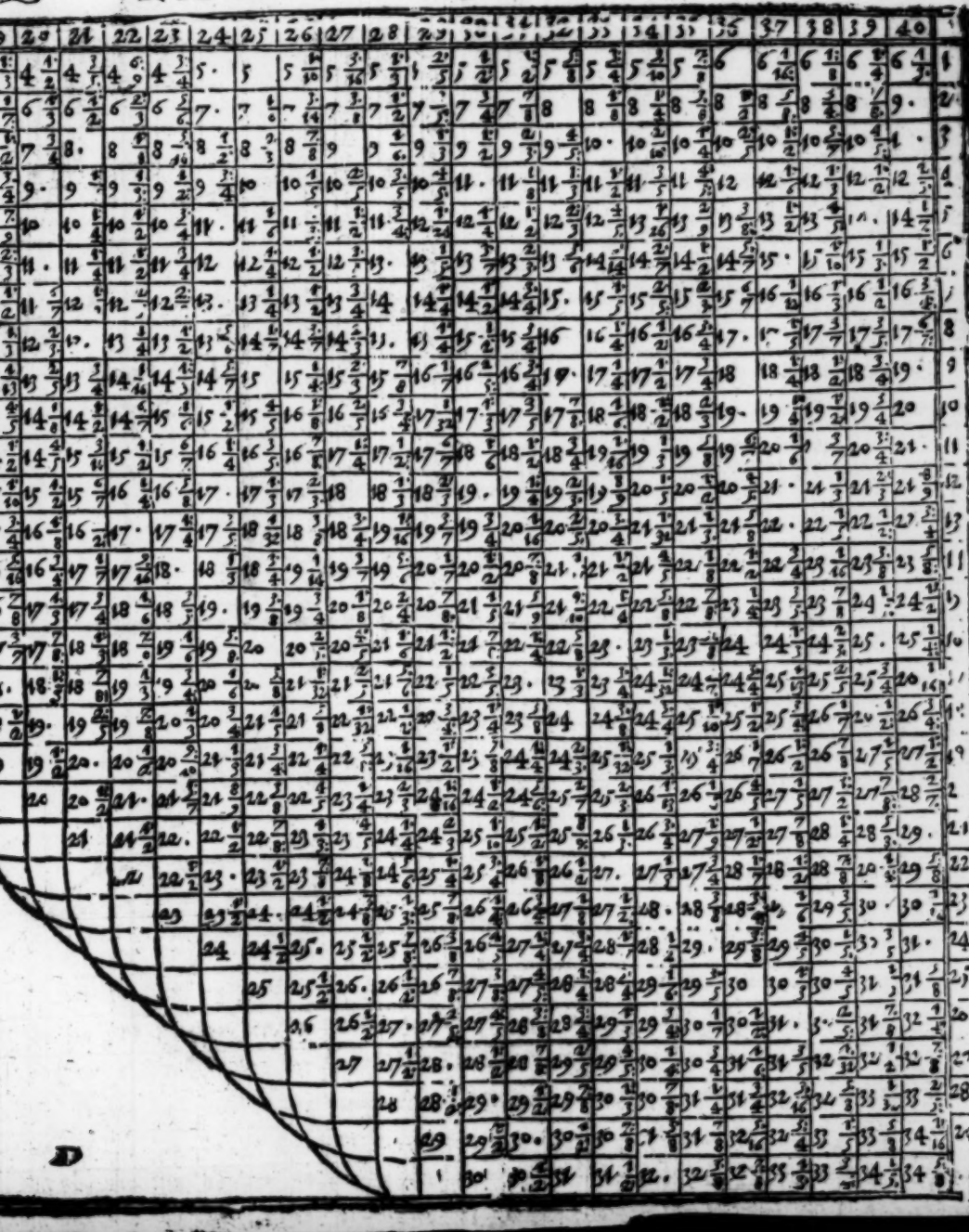

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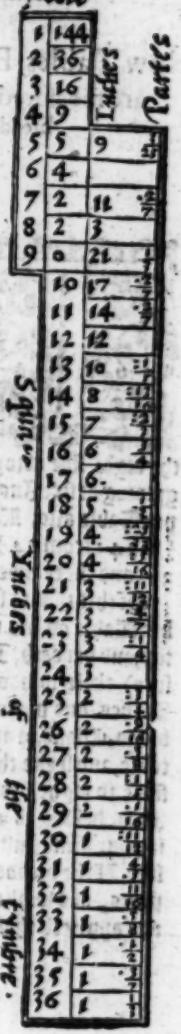
The Table of Timber measure, with the declaration and vse of it.

The x. Chapter.

THis Table (as ye see) is diuided into two Columnes or Rowes: the one very short, the other longer. In the head of the first, I haue put this word Foote: in the second row, Inches, and parts to signifie Feete, Inches, and parts of Inches. The summes in the margine and left part of the first and second columne, declare the quantitie of the square of Timber or Stone from 1. to 36. Inches square. Within the rowes you may finde the iust length to a foote square, if yee enter into them in right order according to the square.



Ensample.

SVppose the square of your Timber were 7. Inches, and that yee desired to know what measure or length of the ruler would make a Foote square: seeke in the left margine, seuen Inches: and with him in that order toward the right hand, ye shal finde 2. foote 11. Inches, and $\frac{2}{7}$ of an Inch. Note because the fraction $\frac{2}{7}$ hath a pricke by him, it betokeneth some small quantity lesse then $\frac{1}{7}$ of an Inch. If it had 2. prickes or points thus: $\frac{2}{7}$ it should signifie some little quantity more. Neither maketh it matter whether ye obserue this pricking or no, the quantitie is so little to be added or pulled away.

Note what hath beene spoken of Timber, the same also is to bee vnderstood of Stone, likewise to be measured.

Thus is finished the measuring of Timber.

Now ensueth of Boord.

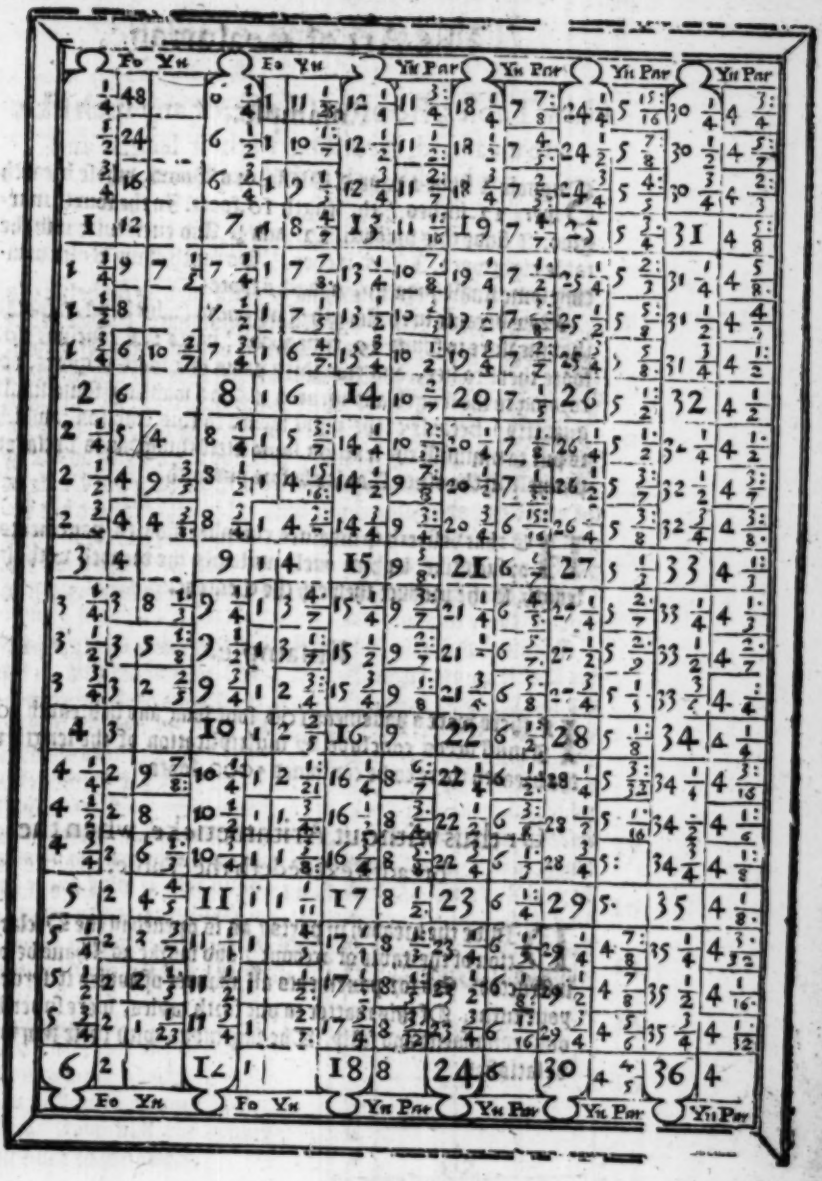
How Tables, Boords, Glaſſe, or any ſuch like, are meaſured, according to their length and breadth, onely to the foote ſquare.

The xi. Chapter.

THis thing is perfoꝛmed by the helpe of a large Table following, diuided in fiue ſmall Tables, and as many Margins. The firſt and left Margin beginneth at ¼. which is one quarter of an Inch, and extended to fiue Inches, as yee may plainely perceiue if yee runne downe by that Margine. This hath his Table on the right ſide adioyning vnto him. The other taketh his beginning at fiue Inches, ¼ and endeth at twelue, hauing his proper Table alſo. The third from 12. ¼ to 18. And ſo from 18. ¼ to 24: from 24 ¼ to 30. The laſt Margine is from 30. ¼. to 39. and there endeth.

Of this that is ſaid, you may gather that euery Margin hath his Table on his right ſide. Alſo you muſt know that in the top, and beneath, I haue put (as in the Table of Timber meaſure) theſe woꝛds, foote, Inch, and parts, to ſignifie, Feete, Inches, and parts of an Inch. Whenſoeuer ye liſt to meaſure booꝛd, Glaſſe, oꝛ any other ſuch, with the breadth of it, enter this table, and ſeeke that breadth in his proper margine; there ye ſhall finde in right oꝛder how many Feete, Inches, oꝛ parts of an Inch, belong to a Foote ſquare. So often as the meaſure is in your ſtuffe, iuſt as many Feete haue ye in that Booꝛd, oꝛ ſuch like. If the breadth exceed this table, then diuide the breadth in parts, and woꝛke as is and ſhall be declared. So the ingenious applieth this Table foꝛ all manner breadths, moſt exactly.

Example.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Ensample.

Suppose I haue a pane of Glasse, or a Boord, whose breadth were 22. inches, ¼. the length 16. foote. In the fourth margine, I finde this breadth, 22. and ¼. And euen with it in the table rightward, I see 6. inches, ¼. So much of my Ruler wanting some small quantity, maketh a foote.

Now because in the length of my boord (which is 16. foote) that measure is found 29. times, and ⅔ parts: I conclude 29. foote there to bee, and two third parts of a foote Square, according to the length and breadth I said (wanting some small quantity) because of the point ioyned to this fraction ⅔. which is put to diminish the fraction some little thing, as is declared plainely in the other Tables before put forth.

HE that desireth to measure chamber floores, pauements, or such like, let him onely multiply the breadth with the length, so the product sheweth the Content.

Ensample.

IF there were a pauement 100. foot long, and in breadth 50. I must needs conclude by multiplication of the length in the breadth there to be contained 5000. foote.

Or thus without Arithmeticke, when the breadth exceedeth the Table.

DIuide the breadth in parts (as is opened in the Declaration of the table of account) and worke as I haue before instructed. So for pauements all manner of waies it serueth your turne. Of this matter to put forth tables, were superfluous tediousnesse and folly. The ingenious with these few will be satisfied.

The

The Carpenters Ruler.

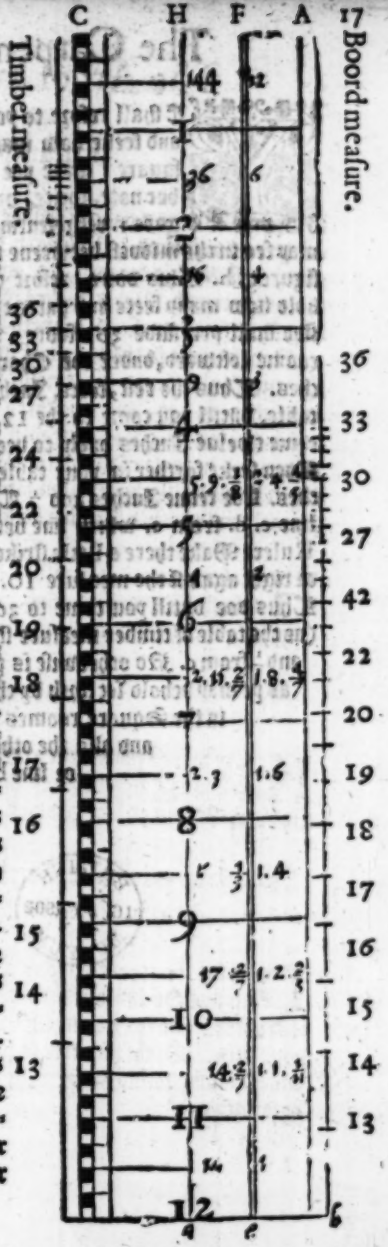
The face of the Carpenters Ruler, figured with the true measures, and other things necessary.

The xij. Chapter.

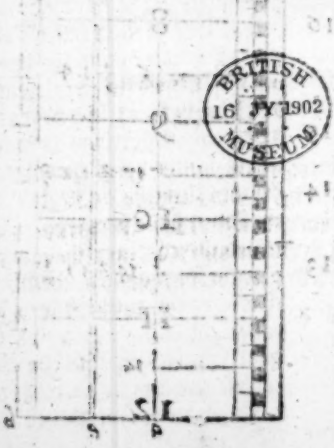
BEcause the effect of this ruler is aboue declared by tables, an instrument also well knowne and common among good Artificers, I will not spend many wordes in opening it. Behold the figures and learne by them how yee ought to make and commonly to decke your ruler, both with timber and boord measure.

Ensample.

Admit the Ruler to be a. b. c.d. well plained 12. Inches long, a quarter of an Inch thick, & two Inches in breadth. Truly it were more commodious, if it had two foote in length. This ruler here imagined, but a foote in length is diuided first in 12. euen parts called inches: then euery inch in halfe or two equall portions: each halfe in two quarters: euery quarter in foure or 2. parts at the least: as in this ensample. Then are the figures placed from 1. to 12. manifesting the inches. Thus your ruler is ready to receiue the measures which are marked or figured on your Ruler thus. Adde first the timber measure as followeth.



YE shall resort to your table of Timber measure, and seeke how many feete belong to one Inch square: there yee shall finde 144. This number note, write, or rather graue, where this figure 1. representing one Inch, is figured as yee may see in the middest betweene the line c. f. and the line of the figure g. h. This done, resort to your table againe, and behold how many feete and parts two Inches square requireth. So shall yee finde 36. foote, which is placed in the next roome leftward, vnder the Character 2. signifying two Inches. Thus the rest, feete, Inches, and parts, found in your table, vntill you come to the 12. Inch, where yee shall perceiue twelue Inches onely to bee set in his proper roome, &c. Then seeke further in your table what belongeth to 13. Inches. Loe teene Inches and $\frac{1}{2}$. This must bee numbred in the line c. d. from c. which line betokeneth the thicknesse of the Ruler. Make there a little strike vpon that grossenesse, euen or right against the measure 10. What needs many words? Thus doe vntill you come to 36. Inches, and that is noted (as the table of timber measure sheweth) right with one Inch and $\frac{1}{2}$. from c. No otherwise is performed of boord measure, as ye may behold set forth by the helpe of his proper table in the Square roomes beneath the line c. f. and also the other thicknesse or line b. a.



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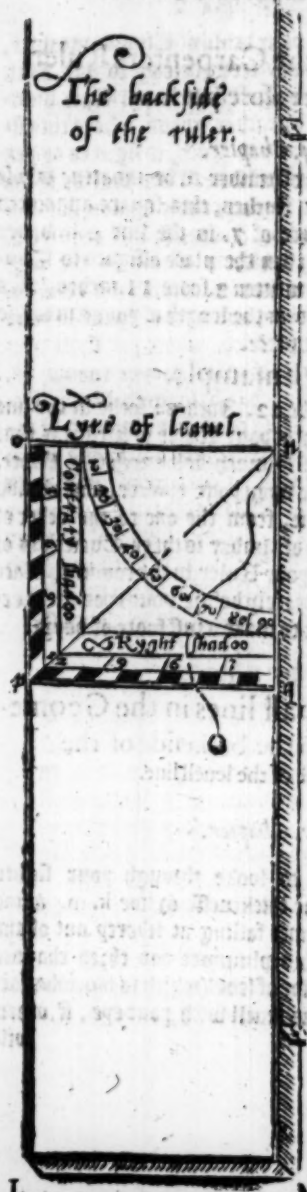
The backside of the Ruler, with the quadrant Geometricall.

The xiij. Chapter.



THis other figure i. k. l. m. is the backside of your ruler, hauing in the middest of Geometricall quadrant n. o. p. q. whose making in few words is thus expressed. The line or breadth of your ruler n. o. the line o. p. p. q. q. n. ought to be of one equall iust lenght, cutting each other squirewise. And from the center n. vnto p. is drawne another line, which is called the line of height. So is o. n. the line of leuell, q. n. the line of heights vpright. This knowne, I open my compasse, one foote remaining. In the center n. the other extended in the line of leuell almost to o. making a circumference to q. n. which is a portion of a circle named a quadrant, and ought to bee diuided into 90. equall parts, as ye may behold, euery of them called a degree. Ye may diuide the lines o. p. p. q. named the Scale, each in 12. as here, or in 60. yea in 100. equall portions is more meete for the vse of shadowes, heights, lengths &c. Note that the side or halfe Scale, o. p. is called the contrary shadow p. p. right shadow. Remember that vpon the thicknesse m. k. yee ought to haue two fine equall square sights well bored, representen here by r. s. made of wood, or rather mettall to bee fastned there when time requireth: let this satisfie.

The making of a Geometricall quadrant.

Note these three principall lines.

The diuided sides o. p. and p. q. are called the Scale.

The common vſe of the Carpenters Ruler, touching the Face afore put foorth.

The xiiij. Chapter.

The eight Chap. ſheweth how the true ſquare is found.

SUppoſe a piece of timber to be moaten, whoſe true ſquare is 7. Inches, this ſquare appointed you to the figure of 7. in the line g. h. vnder whom rightward in the place aſſigned to Timber meaſure, is written 2. foote, 11. inches, $\frac{3}{7}$. As often as that meaſure is found in the length of your timber, ſo many foote of timber is in that piece.

Another Enſample.

IMagine your Square to be 22. Inches: ſeeke in the line a. c. Note then how much of your Ruler is left from that to the end of your Rule c. and ſo much belongeth to a Foote. Therefore lay out the meaſure vpon your timber, and reckon how many times ye may finde it, from the one to the other of your Logge: for ſo many foote of timber is there. Euen thus of boord. Seeke the breath vpon your Ruler, in the roome or place of boord meaſure, and immediately before your eyes there remaineth what is to be laid out to make a iuſt foote of boord.

The vſe of the principall lines in the Geometricall Quadrant on the backeſide of the Ruler, and firſt of the leuell line.

The xv. Chapter.

IT behoueth you to looke through your ſights q. n. placed in the thickeneſſe of line k. m. a fine thred and plummet falling at liberty out of the Center n. If this plummet and thred chaunce preciſely on the line of leuel (which is n. o. whatſoeuer ye ſee through the ſights, is leuell with your eye, if otherwiſe

wiſe the thing that ye looke vnto is not leuell, either more or leſſe then the height of leuell of your eye: More, if the plummet fall to you ward: leſſe, if contrarie.

How by the line of Leuell to foreſee whether the water of any Spring or head is poſſible to bee brought to a place appointed, and alſo to iudge the wholeſomneſſe of it.

The xvi. Chapter.

YE ſhall goe to the head or Spring, and ſet your Ruler to your eye (being in height equall with the water) ſo that the fine corde and plummet fall preciſely in the line of leuel. Now if through the ſights ye may ſee aboue the place, know and iudge the water poſſible to be brought: if your ſight fall vnder, impoſſible. It commeth commonly to paſſe, when the place to the which yee would haue water conueyed, is of any great diſtance from the head, then Hilles, Valleyes, and ſuch like impediments, let the line viſuall to haue his free courſe: wherefore this remedie is prouided. At the head of the ſpring, ye ſhall looke thorow the ſights (as before) and note a marke in the next Hill toward the place, then goe to the marke in like manner obſerue another in ſome hill: ſo forth vntill by any of them yee may perceiue the place deſired. If then your ſight running through the pinnes of your Ruler (the third euer falling on the Line n.o.) exceede that place, the conueying of your water is poſſible. Otherwiſe not.

Now by the way briefly ye ſhall be inſtructed how yee may know the wholſomneſſe of water.

How good water is knowne.

TAke a cleane pot, and put water in it: ſo ſet it on the fire: after a little boyling, powre it out, if then no filth re-

maine in the bottome of thepot, it may be iudged the wholeſomer. Or thus. Let fall drops vpon metall, or rather on Glaſſe (any of them being poliſhed) and ſuffer that to drie by it ſelfe: if after there remaine no ſpot or ſigne, it is a good token. Moreouer, if your water bee ſweete, pure, cleare, light, or of little weight, it followeth the water to be wholeſome for the vſe of man.

Of the Line of height.

WHenſoeuer the Thred and Plummet doe chaunce iuſtly on the Height, which is n. p. the Altitude or height that yee ſee is euen with the diſtance from the middle of your Foote, to the nether part directly vnder the toppe, equall with your ſtanding, adding the height of your Eye downe ward. Knowe that yee muſt euer ſtand vpright with Bodie and Necke, your Feete iuſt together, the one Eye cloſed, &c.

The line of vpright Altitudes.

IIudge alſo any thing plumbe vpright when the thickneſſe of your Ruler i. l. is cloſely thereon, the plummet then at Libertie falling on q. n. named the Line of Heights vpright. Now followeth the vſe of the Scale.

To ſearch out Heights by the Scale with the aid of two places.

The xviij. Chapter.

SEt the Thred and Plummet fall in the one, on the 12. poynts: in the other Station, on the 6. of the right ſhadow: double the diſtance betweene the two places, the ſummitie appeareth from that part of the thing meaſured, which is equall in Height with your

eye

eye. Or the one in the 12. the other in 8. of right ſhadow: then triple the diſtance. The one in 12. the other in 6. of right Quadruplate, the ſpace. The one in the 12. the other in 6. of the contrary ſhadow, then the ſpace betweene both the Stations is equall with that ye meaſure, euer vnderſtanding from your eye vpward. Euen that ſame commeth to paſſe, if in the one the Threed bee found vpon the 6. of the contrarie, in the other on the 4. of the ſame, or the 4. and 3. of the contrarie. In all theſe the ſpaces are equall with the Altitudes. So then in meaſuring the diſtance betweene the two places, yee haue the height from your eye vpward, putting to it the length from your ſight downeward, the whole Altitude appeareth: the Baſe being equall with your ſtanding.

I would not haue you ignorant heere how to knowe lengths which bee in height not eaſie to come vnto. For (as before) get the height of the toppe, the Altitude of the Baſe or longeſt part of your length. Subduct the leſſe height out of the more, of force your deſired length remaineth. Or thus: Let the plummet and threed fall in the 12. Marke your place: goe in toward the thing (the threed as it was) vntill yee ſee the Baſe of that length: the diſtance betweene the two ſtandings, is vndoubtedly the Length. How lengths in height are knowne.

How with Scale direct or vpright heights by their ſhadowes are declared.

The xix. Chapter.

TVrne your left ſide vnto the Sunne, ſuffering his Beames to pearce both your ſights q. r. placed (as afore is ſayd) in the thickeneſſe or line k. m. The Threed or Plumet then hanging at libertie, out of the Center n. ſheweth as well the Degrees

ſt height to be counted from o, as the parts of the Scale cut. If your thred be found in the 12. part or line of leuell, ſhadowes of all things being perpendicular eleuated, are equall with their bodies. If the plummet with the thred bee perceiued, cutting the parts next to the ſights, which I name poynts of the right ſhadow, then euery thing direct is more then his ſhadow, by that proportion which 12. exceedeth the parts, where the thred was found. If it fall in 1. that is the firſt part of the right ſhadow, take the ſhadow twelue times to make the height. In two, that is the ſecond part, fiue times, in the third, foure times: in the fourth, three times: in the fift, twice: and $\frac{2}{11}$. of the ſhadow, in the firt, twice, in the ſeuenth once, and $\frac{3}{4}$. in the eight once, and $\frac{1}{2}$: in the ninth once, and $\frac{1}{3}$: in the tenth once, and $\frac{1}{3}$: in the eleuenth yee ſhall take the ſhadow one, and $\frac{1}{11}$. part of it.

Right ſhadow. If the Art of numbring were had, I would will you to multiplie the length of the ſhadow by 12. and the product diuide by the parts, in the which yee found the thred.

Contrary ſhadow. But if it be in the parts of the contrary ſhadow, augment the length of the ſhadow with the parts declared by the plummet: and the increaſe diuide them by 12. ſo commeth the altitude alſo.

Thus the compoſition and whole appliance of the Carpenters Ruler is ſhewed: therefore ſomewhat ſhall bee now ſaid of the Squire.

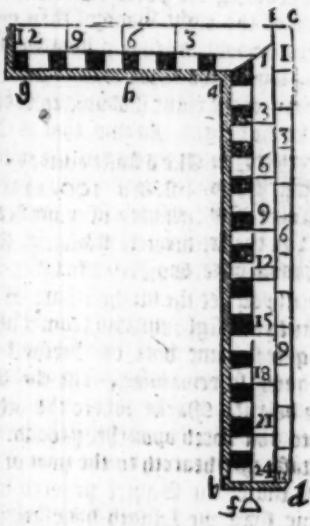
I am not ignorant that the common vſe of him, is better knowne then I can with many words expreſſe, wherefore I leaue to write in that behalfe. Notwithſtanding I will declare how Heights and Lengths are taken, &c. matters rare and knowne of few Artificers.

Alſo by Tables to get a true knowledge of the day houre, and that diuerſe wayes, with the helpe of the Squire, as is opened in my generall Prognoſtication, augmented in the yeer of our Lord 1556.

What

What length the ſides of thy Squire ought to bee, and the diuiſion of him.

The xx. Chapter.



I Need not to put foorth the exact makeing of this Inſtrument ſo well knowne. Lo therefore the figure. One ſide ſuppoſed two foot from the inward Angle: and the other a iuſt foote from the ſame. The longer a. b. inwardly diuided from the Angle a. vnto b. into 24. equall principall parts, and euerie of them into a leſſe (if ye liſt) each containing 10 minutes. alſo the ſide c. d. in the outward contrary, plaine from the top c. vnto d. is diuided into 12. euen portions: and againe (if ye require exactneſſe) euery of them into 6. each of value 10. minutes: Behold a line and plummet falling from e. to f. a Parallell to c. d. and a. b. Thus this ſquire is well framed for the vſe of diuerſe Tables put forth in my generall Prognoſtication, and alſo for the finding of Altitudes and Longitudes, whith here I purpoſe now briefely to open.

How by the Squire heights are knowne.

ALtitudes or heights are found, the line or plummet centred in the firſt point, cutting h. the middle of a. g. The

moueable ſights placed in a. g. or a parallell from that line not vnlike, as is opened of the line of height, in the backe of my Ruler.

How Lengths in plaine Ground are ſearched by the Carpenters or Maſons Squire.

The xxi. Chapter.

TAke a ſtaffe diuided into certaine portions as ye liſt, in a 100. or a 1000. parts. At the beginning of your length, vpon the very toppe directly ſtanding, ſet the inward Angle of the Squire: lift vp or put downe this inſtrument, vntill you ſee the furtheſt part of your Longitude, I meane vntill your ſight running from that Angle, to the end of your Squire, come vnto the furtheſt part of that length. The Squire ſo remaining, and the Staffe not remooued from his height. Marke where the other end of the Squire next vnto you noted vpon the ground. See what proportion the Staffe then beareth to the part of the ground, which the neereſt end of the Squire poynted vnto from the Staffe: the ſame ſhall the Length haue to the quantitie of the ſame Staffe.

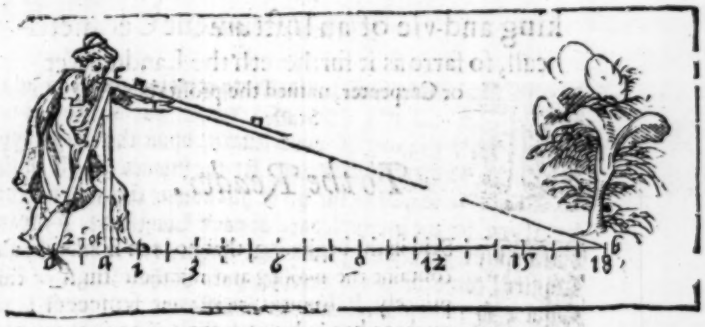
Example.

The cauſe is taken out of Euclid. 33. pro. 1. Booke and the 4. pro. 6. booke.

THe Staffe a. c. in this figure is imagined 6. Foote, and the ſpace a. d. 2. Foote. Conſidering now that 6. the length of the Staffe containeth 2. thrice, therefore the Longitude deſired, a. b. of force muſt containe three times the Staffe (which Staffe is 6. Foote) that maketh 18. Foote. As this is prooued true by a ſmall ground in the figure following: ſo the Arte faileth not in a greater ſpace, which the good

Speculato

Speculator and diligent Practiſer by any way cannot denie. Yet experience willeth me this to confeſſe, that the Squire is not conuenient for any long diſtance, but the Inſtrument Geometricall (whoſe making and vſe ye may perceiue in the Treatiſe following) vnleſſe ye aſcend ſome Tree or Turret for your ayde, which length knowne, ſhall ſtand in ſtead of your Staffe.



A Note.

IT behoooueth you to haue a fine cord, made faſt in the vpper part of your Staffe. c. which ſhall be tied euen with the inward edge of the Squire, and ſo vnwine to the ground, where the neere end of the Squire from the Staffe poynted, as yee ſee, d.c. the other end then truly directing to the furtheſt diſtance.

Know that the ground muſt bee very plaine and leuell, other wiſe error enſueth.

Thus the vſe of the Squire is here ſome what declared, but more in my generall Prognoſtication, yea moſt plentifullie hereafter (God ſparing life) in a Booke titled, The rare vſe of the Squire in practiſes Mathematicall. In the which Booke, profitable pleaſant experiences ſhall bee plainely opened (only of me practiſed) as well of Perſpectiue, as of the Mathematicals in generall.

A little Treatiſe, declaring the making and vſe of an Inſtrument Geometricall, ſo farre as it furthereth the Landmeater or Carpenter, named the profitable Staffe.

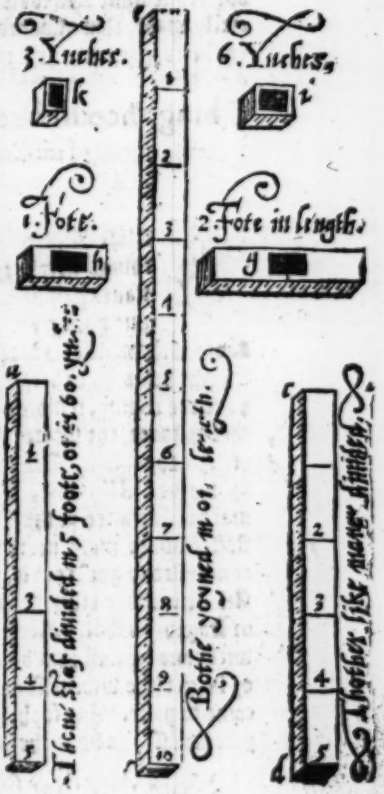
To the Reader.

I Said in the beginning, that no little Booke would containe the making and manifold fruits of this princely Inſtrument, if it were ſet foorth as it ought to bee in his perfection. Certes the trueth euen here maketh me confeſſe the ſame: yea that there is no Inſtrument ſo generall and profitably pleaſant: Notwithſtanding know (gentle Reader) that the occaſion of his chiefe vſe and profit is not here miniſtred: neither, to ſay the truth, doth it appertaine to, or agree with the capacitie of ſuch Artificers. Therefore I ſhall leaue to intreate of his ample large vſe and beſt making, and will ſet him forth in few words: yea ſufficiently for the Land-meaters capacitie or Carpenters purpoſe, that at the leaſt they may receiue ſome kinde of fruite with the Geometrer. And in time to come (by other meanes) as I ſee cauſe, I will largely declare, and there decke him with his proper beauties. Here now followeth the making, and ſo briefly, how he is applied for the profit of the aforenamed Artificers.

The

The making of this profitable Rodde or Staffe.

YE ſhall prepare two ſmall, ſtreight, ſtiffe, rolid, or rather ſquare rods of mettall or of wood, well plained of like bigneſſe and length. Although it make no matter of what length, yet to auoyde the errors, which little inſtruments, and ſhort ſtaues bring, and alſo to beare with the rude vnwonted handling of ſuch Artificers: let our Rods be each one, or at the leaſt three foote, and euery foote diuided in 12. euen parts or Inches, as ye ſée a. b. and c. d. Theſe Rods muſt be forged with a boyce in the end of them to ioyne readily tenne or ſixe foote in length, (when time requireth) as the figure e. f. ſheweth. Alſo yée muſt get (by the helpe of ſome Craftſman) foure other like Rods, the longer g. 2. Foote: the next h. 1. foote: the other i. 6. Inches, then k. 3. Inches, the laſt and ſhorteſt l. 1. Inch and ½. Each of theſe muſt haue in their middeſt a hole, that the long ſtaffe of ten foote may bee put through them, and they moued on him at pleaſure vp and downe, alwayes cutting the longer ſtaffe e. f. Squirewiſe, and made to tarry on any diuiſion, as



as occaſion ſhall be giuen: which all are eaſily to be perceiued by the figure following, although my rude declaration hath not expreſſed my meaning.

Here note in the ſtead of your ſhort ſtaues, yee may haue one croſſe ſtaffe two foote long, with currant ſights, ſo artificially made, that alwayes the ſhort ſtaffe ſhall run ſquire vpon the longer, and the ſights diſtant, as ye liſt to place them.

Things needfull to be knowne before the vſe of this Inſtrument is opened.

The ij. Chapter.

BEfore I intreate of this vſe, it behoueth to know things neceſſary, and firſt which of the fiue little ſtaues g. h. i. k. l. mentioned in the making is to be put vpon your long ſtaffe e. f. according to the diſtance of the marke. Note if your marke be neere hand, bee it length, breadth, or height, the longer g. doth ſeeme meeteſt to haue the roome, if more of length, the other h. and ſo the further diſtance, the ſhorter the ſtaffe requireth to be, which ſhall occupie that place. Oft practiſe sheweth this better then many words. Alſo note, if chance bee to goe in toward your marke, (as after ye ſhall ſee how) you muſt remoue the ſhort ſtaffe inward more neere to the end of the longer e. If ye bee compelled to goe from it, then put it from e. toward the end f. Alſo remember when ye are appointed to meaſure any breadth or length (as ſhall be declared) it behoueth you to ſtand right with, and againſt that breadth: yea and the longer the breadth or larger the wideneſſe or length is, the better the thing will come to paſſe. And for heights it is neceſſary (if ye regard all preciſenеſſe) to haue the height ſtand directly vp.

Note this that followeth to be generall in all workings.

YE muſt ſtand right vp with your Body and necke, your feete iuſt together, your hands not much mouing, the one

eye

eye closed, and euer marke your standing right with the midst of your feete. Be not ignorant here, that I call the extremes of the little staues, the very ends where the sight euer runneth. And no difference betweene the Altitude and height, betweene the Longitude and length: the Latitude and breadth. The short staues I name by the letter figured ouer them. Your eye must euer be placed in the end of the longer staffe e. and with the other eye ye ought to winke.

What these words meane, Longitude, Latitude, Altitude.

These trifles and such like omitted, letteth the trueth to come to passe, and make men to suspect the Ground, which is most certaine.

How heights standing directly vp, are measured by the instrument.

The iij. Chapter.

Put the staffe g. vpon the longer e. f. and moue him his iust length from the beginning of the longer e. turne the ends of g. toward you, and according to that height placing your eye (as is said) euer at the beginning of the longer e. with the other eye winke. Then goe backe vntill ye may plainly perceiue the very vpper part of that Altitude, and also the lower end by the extreames of your shorter staffe g. Now the space of the middle of your foote to the base of the height is equall with the Altitude.

Or thus.

When ye shall see any Altitude, whose measure ye require, imagine by coniecture how oftentimes that height is found in the space from it vnto your standing. Then moue your shorter staffe (chosen as aboue most conuenient) euen as often his owne length from the beginning of the longer e.

where your eye is euer placed. This done, turne the ends of your little ſtaffe, your eye being in e. according to the height: looke whether ye may ſee by the extremes of your ſhorter the very top, and alſo the loweſt part of the height. If not, moue the ſhorter a length further toward f. or neere to e. as ye ſee cauſe, and as your coniecture failed. Or let your little ſtaffe remaine, as by coniecture hee was put, and goe toward or from that height, vntill the Altitude agree iuſtly with the extremes of your ſhort ſtaffe. Then marke that place with the middeſt of your foote.

Now ye may conclude, that the height is as often contained in the diſtance, which is betweene the marke and it, as the length of that little ſtaffe is found remoued from the end of the longer, &c.

Enſample.

How the iuſt height is knowne.

If the ſhort ſtaffe be ten times his owne length from e. aſſigne the height contained in that diſtance ten times only.

The Altitude is thus gotten. Moue your ſhort ſtaffe from his late being a length either toward or from e. as ye liſt to goe in or backe. Then goe fro or neere vnto it (as before) vntill the very ſummitie, and alſo the loweſt part of the height agree with the extremes of your ſhorter ſtaffe. The ſpace then betweene your marked place and this latter, declareth the iuſt height. Oftentimes through impediments, ye ſhall not haue roome to goe ſo farre backe or forward, as the height commeth vnto. This remedie is prouided. Moue the little ſtaffe halfe his length, and ſo ſeeke two ſtations (as before) vntill the extreme of the ſhorter, ſtaffe be found iuſtly to anſwere either end of the height. Then the ſpace betweene the two ſtandings muſt be doubled to haue the iuſt height: or if ye liſt, ye may moue the ſhorter, according to the fourth part of his length, or to any portion, as to the fift, ſixt, twenty, &c. then ſhall yee haue that part of the height betweene the two ſtations.

A remedy prouided for want of ground.

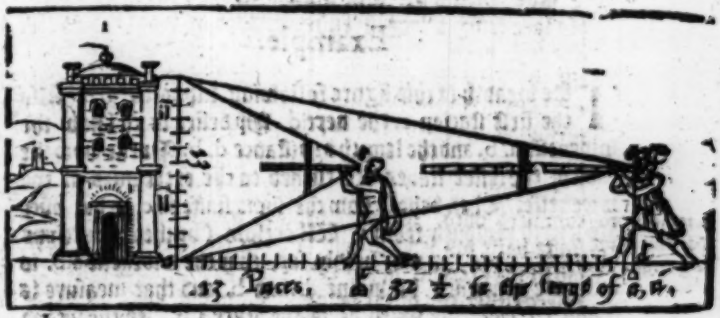
Yet

Yet know this (which experience by diligent practise will shew) the bigger parts ye take, the lesse error ye commit. A little error often multiplied, encreaseth to a great.

Now that all the aforespoken may the better be perceiued, behold the example ensuing, as ye may see by figure declared, in the which the height is imagined a. b. the first station c. the short staffe g. is moued from e. iust his length. I am forced to conclude, that the Base of the height a. b. is from my standing e. euen his precise length. So then if you measure that distance of a. c. being 13. paces, ye haue the true height of a. b. as many. In the other standing place d. the shorter staffe is found from e. twice his length and a halfe, wherefore I must affirme the height a.b. to be contained or found in the distance a. d. twice and a halfe: which length a. d. is apparant 32. paces. All this that is spoken of the height, may well be vnderstood of Latitudes or widenesses, and lengths following.

The ground of this may be gathered of Euclide in his perspectiue, 21. Theo.

In Altitudes this rule is not perfect, except the eye be leuell with the middle of the Altitude



How the breadth or wideneſſe of things are found, and by them, Length or any diſtance at pleaſure.

The iiij. Chapter.

WHatſoeuer I haue inſtructed afore of heights, the ſame vnderſtand here of wideneſſe, lengths, &c. For none otherwiſe are Latitudes or wideneſſes ſearched by this Inſtrument, then before is declared of heights, onely this excepted, that the ſhort ſtaffe muſt lie contrary, the ends according to the breadth, ſeeing by the extreames of the ſhort ſtaffe, the very vttermoſt parts or ends of the Latitude, noting your ſtations right with the midſt of your foote. And ſo perfourme all as afore. And as I ſaid, thereof the parts of the height found betweene your ſtandings, euen the ſame things is well vſed here, for all manner parts of the breadth.

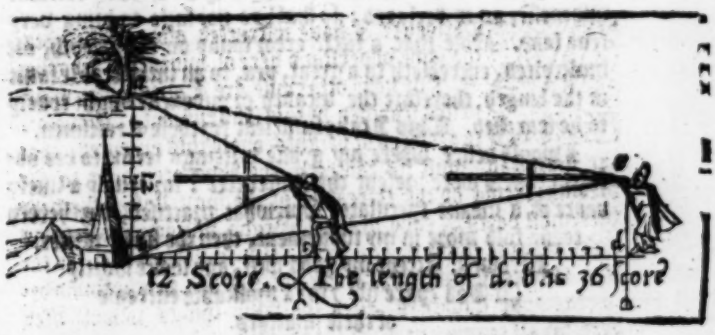
Example.

THe breadth in this figure following ſuppoſed a.b. Alſo the firſt ſtation c. the nert d. My deſire is to know the wideneſſe a. b. and the length or diſtance d. b. Marke how the ends of the leſſer ſtaues are turned to the extreames of the wideneſſe. Then behold how the ſhort ſtaffe in c. is but once his length remoued from c. Wherefore (by the inſtructions of heights afore) ye may boldly ſay, that the wideneſſe a.b. is but once contained betweene d. and b. and that meaſure is found 12. feete, as much as is the other a.b. In the ſecond ſtanding d. the little ſtaffe is remooued three times his length from c. For that cauſe I conclude (and truly) from b. to that ſtation three times the breadth, which breadth is 12 feete. So by the wideneſſe I haue found the length of b. d. 36. feete, my deſire. Thus are Latitudes found, and by them lengths, &c.

Behold

Behold the figure.

Ye muſt alwayes ſtand directly againſt the middle of the Breadth.



Whenſoeuer any diſtance is put, whoſe certaine length yee require: meaſure (by the art expreſſed) either the height of any thing there found, or the breadth, and ſee how oftentimes that wideneſſe or length is contained vnto your ſtanding: which knowne, the length cannot bee hid, as is declared.

NOw in fewe words to conclude, ye may by this Inſtrument meaſure the diſtance of Houſes, Steeples, Trees, the length of Walles, the breadth of Ditches, Images in height, and ſuch like. The good wittie Carpenter ſtanding in a place, where hee may plainely ſee a whole houſe, or any manner frame with great pleaſure, may by this get ſpeedily the true proportion of that houſe, which he ought to note in a Table, and when time commeth (not without his great praiſe) may make, reare and ſet vp the like. This I take to be ſufficient for theſe Craftſmen. A more larger vſe of this Inſtrument.

I haue

How the length of land is exactly found.

I Haue before forgotten to admonish you whensoeuer ye list to measure any land exactly, by the instrument Geometricall, named the profitable Staffe, to set vpright a Rodde, the length of a Pearch. Or if the distance be long, to passe out, or rather iustly mete fiue or moe Pearches, at the end or head of your length, the extreames noted with two visible markes. Then goe from thence, and seeke the lengths by that certaine widenesse, as is declared: so shall ye not faile to bring very true land. Note that a little error found on the breadth, oft multiplied, encreaseth to a great, yea, to an intollerable fault in the length, therefore the breadth or widenesse ought truely to be searched. This I take sufficient for these Craftsmen.

I would desire where my grosse writings seeme to bee obscure, that I were present the Instructer: for truely a liuely voyce of a meane speculator somewhat practised, furthereth tenne fold more in my iudgement, then the finest writer.

Farewell. Accept my good will, and looke shortly (if God spare life) for a profitable encrease of these matters.

FINIS.

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